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STRENGTH OF RPF
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortage of Jawans in Railways Protection Force(RPF) to deal with increasing crimes in the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of posts in various categories lying vacant in RPF as on date;

(c) the steps taken by the Railways to fill the vacant posts and augment the strength of RPF; and

(d) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes Sir. Consequent upon the reorientation of the Railway Protection Force`s (RPF`s) role , which placed greater responsibility on the Force and not particularly because of any increase in crime, a need for additional manpower has been felt by the RPF.

(b): While a requirement of additional manpower is presently being possessed by the Railway Board, the number of vacancies in all categories of RPF, as on date, stands at 4167.

(c) &(d): The vacancies in the RPF were filled up by the recruitment of 11023 constables during the year 2005. Besides this, the Railways have approved an additional strength of 2661 and the proposal has been sent to the Ministry of Finance for ratification. Steps are also being taken for filling up the vacancies occurring due to normal wastage over the past two years.